Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There were other more urgent necessities and it is only after these more urgent necessities are met bythe Government that this can be taken up.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are the out-patient room and the operation theatre one and the same ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—At present there is no operation room. The present out-patient room is the operation theatre as well.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that there is less accommodation and convenience in Vadakkancheri?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In almost all the hospitals accommodation is very meagre.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So there is nothing special to Kunnamkulam alone?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Progress in the execution of Civil Engineering works.

261. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state how far have the works contemplated in Civil Engineering in items 250 and 260, both inclusive, Appendix B., page 21 of the Budget Estimate progressed ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) (a) B. I. No. 250 to 259—Estimates have been sanctioned and arrangements made for execution.

(2) B. I. 260. The Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation as a first step investigated a scheme for a canal of reduced section than that originally contemplated and from his preliminary report received by the Chief Engineer, it is made out that the scheme cannot be "productive" unless higher rates in taxes than those now prevailing are offered by the interested ryots. The Diwan Peishkar who was referred to by the Chief Engineer is of opinion that owing to the present economic condition and fall in the price ofpaddy, the enhanced rate will not be acceptable to the ryots. The scheme will have to wait for better times *i. e.*, till the economic condition is restored. The Chief Engineer is, however, devoting attention to the scheme and the Government will consider the question finally on receipt of the Chief Engineer's final report.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Has the Special Assistant Engineer reported that the works will not be productive?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the reason given by him after investigating the scheme, for a canal of reduced section ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—To try to bring down the cost.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government wait till the permanent Chief Engineer returns and gives his opinion before he passes final orders?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—He will be taking charge in a few days?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state what they mean to do to restore the economic condition?

President.—I do not think that arises out of this question.

Kaicheri-Kuruvancheri road—Talappalli Taluk.

262. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) referring to question 148 of the Legislative Session (Vrischigam) of 1108 whether the land plan promised during 1107 Budget Session been received as yet;

(b) if received what action has been taken on it?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the above answer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Do not the Government generally see that the undertakings of the Heads of Departments are carried out?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—As far as funds permit.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is the fund necessary for submitting plan and estimate?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A more statement of plan and estimates will not take us any further. Land acquisition is necessary and it requires money.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—My question refers to the undertakings of the department to submit land plan and estimates for particular works. Has that been received? My supplementary question is, is it not generally the case that the Government see that the undertakings of the Departmental Heads are carried out.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is the duty of the Government to see that the undertakings are carried out. In this particular instance mere submission of estimates will not widen the road. It must be followed by land acquisition and acquisition means money. Since no money is budgetted for, Government did not insist upon it.

Action taken on Council motion to have a permanent Irrigation Department.

263. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government

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